GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated February17, 2003 regarding traffic congestion in the Capital;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether Metro Delhi is unable to fulfil the needs of the citizens of Delhi;

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government propose to ensure that sufficient parking for vehicles is provided at low cost for commuters at the Rail stations to ease the traffic in the city;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the banning of three wheelers in places like Connaught Place will not solve but aggravate the problem of commuters; and

(h) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this ragard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The news item had broadly discussed the ill effects of traffic congestion in the NCT of Delhi, parking problems in the city, transportation policy of the State and review of Delhi Metro etc.

(c): Out of Delhi Master Plan network of about 245 km, only phase-1 of Delhi Metro aggregating to 62 km is under implementation. Out of this phase-I, only the first 8.5 km long section has been commissioned as yet. It is, therefore, too early to say that Delhi Metro is unable to fulfil the needs of citizens of Delhi.

(d): Like any other major city, Delhi, need a multi-modal transport network. Apart from completing the full Delhi Metro Master Plan network other improvements in the urban transport network through Traffic System Management, introduction of high-capacity buses, etc. need to be explored.

(e)&(f): Parking space for vehicles is being provided at selected metro stations. Selection of these stations and the extent of parking space is based on detailed traffic surveys.

(g)&(h): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.